

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMPLAINT

DCTN: U11017012
Lockup No: 52 8
Case No: 2011CF1013302

District of Columbia ss:

Defendant's Name: James A Brewer 520425 11092001
(First) (MI) (Last) (PDID) (CCNO)
Also Known As: James Adrain Brewer
(First) (Middle) (Last)
Address: [REDACTED] STANTON TER SE, WASHINGTON DC

James A Brewer, within the District of Columbia, while armed with a firearm, in perpetrating and attempting to perpetrate the crime of armed robbery purposely killed Solomon Reese by shooting him with firearm on or about June 27, 2011, thereby causing injuries from which Solomon Reese died on or about June 27, 2011. (First Degree Murder While Armed - Felony Murder, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Sections 2101, 4502 (2001 ed.))

Co-Defendants:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of July, 2011
[Signature]
Affiant's Name
[Signature]
(Judge) (Deputy Clerk)

WARRANT

To The United States Marshal or any other authorized federal officer or the Chief of Police of the District of Columbia:

WHEREAS the foregoing complaint and affidavit supporting the allegations thereof have been submitted, and there appearing probable cause and reasonable grounds for the issuance of an arrest warrant for

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED TO BRING THE DEFENDANT BEFORE SAID COURT OR OTHER PERSON ENUMERATED IN 18 U.S.C. 3041 forthwith to answer said charge.

Issued [Signature] Judge - Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Rule 105: ☐

Judge

Sex: Male	DOB: 08/18/1986	CCN: 11092001	PDID: 520425
Papering Officer:			Badge No.:

OFFICER MUST EXECUTE RETURN

Officer's Name:	Date / Time:
AUSA Signature: [Signature]	Fel. I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFTC <input type="checkbox"/> Fel. II <input type="checkbox"/>

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UNITED STATES

v.

JAMES BREWER AKA "STICKY"

1. On Monday, June 27, 2011, at 2131 hours, units from the Sixth District were dispatched to 2300 Good Hope Road, SE #829, Washington D.C. to investigate the trouble. Upon their arrival, they located the decedent who was identified as Solomon Reese, lying inside the door way of his apartment. He was unconscious and unresponsive due to several apparent gunshot wounds. DCFEMS responded to the scene and transported the victim to PG County Hospital. At 2217 hours, the decedent succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead by Dr. Ali Kahun. His remains were then transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Maryland in Baltimore pending an autopsy.

2. On Tuesday, June 28, 2011, Dr. Rubio of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Maryland in Baltimore conducted an autopsy on the remains of Solomon Reese, hereafter referred to as the decedent. As a result of her examination, Dr. Rubio ruled that the cause of death was multiple gunshot wounds to the torso and the manner of death was homicide.

INTERVIEW WITH W-1

3. Members of the Metropolitan Police Department initiated an investigation into this case. During the course of the investigation, members of the Homicide Branch interviewed an individual hereafter referred to as W-1. During the interview, W-1 stated that IT and the decedent were inside the decedent's home at 2300 Good Hope Rd, Southeast, Apartment 829 alone. W-1 had stepped out of the apartment for a few minutes to discard the trash and when W-1 returned IT heard voices and a commotion inside of 2300 Good Hope Rd, Southeast, Apartment 829. W-1 attempted to re-enter the apartment but the door was being held shut from the inside. W-1 began to yell for help at this point and the door was opened by an unidentified black male. W-1 was then physically forced into the apartment by the unidentified black male. W-1 was assaulted and while being assaulted observed the decedent being assaulted by two other unidentified black

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male subjects. This assault continued and ended when one of the suspects shot the decedent with a handgun multiple times and all three of the suspects fled the apartment.

4. During the interview, W-1 provided descriptions of these suspects and described their actions to detectives. W-1 stated that a suspect hereafter referred to as S-1 was a black male, tall, with dreads, wearing a red vest, approximately 28 years old, strong, big cheeks, fat face, baseball cap, armed with a gold colored gun in his left hand. W-1 described another suspect hereafter referred to as S-2, as a short black male, approximately 20 years old, round face, short hair, skinny, black shirt with speckles on it. W-1 described a third suspect hereafter referred to as S-3, as a black male, dark complexion, white T-shirt with sleeves and wearing a hat.

5. W-1 explained that S-3 was the suspect who was assaulting the decedent along with S-1 who had the gun. During the assault S-2 was assaulting W-1 and trying to stuff a blanket into IT's mouth to silence W-1, who was trying to fight off S-2. It was during this that S-1 fired the handgun at the decedent multiple times striking the decedent in the chest area.

6. All three suspects were observed leaving the apartment and entering the stairwell across the hall. W-1 was able to call for assistance and police and medical personal arrived on the scene where they found the decedent directly inside apartment 829, where the assault had taken place. The decedent had been shot multiple times and the room had evidence of a struggle and a gun being discharged inside the apartment. Three (3) .45 caliber shell casings were recovered from inside of the apartment. During the investigation witnesses were interviewed that heard the gun shots and one witness heard a person run past their apartment door which is in the opposite direction that the other three suspects were observed running by W-1. This is in the direction of another stairwell that exits the 8th floor hallway and leads to other floors in the building.

7. A review of footage recorded immediately before this shooting; by the building's surveillance cameras at the entrance reveal three male subjects consistent with the description of S-1, S-2, and S-3 as provided by W-1. These three male subjects are led in by a fourth individual who is a black male, slim build, wearing a black kufi styled head gear, blue jeans, and sneakers. This group of four is then observed standing together and conversing while waiting for an elevator. All four suspects enter the elevator together moments before the time of the murder. Your affiant observed this video and there is a direct correlation from the suspect lookout and these suspect observed in the video surveillance as it relates to their clothing, physical

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appearance and the time that they're in the building. It is noted that none of the four suspects have any bags in their hands at this time.

8. During the course of the investigation, members of the Homicide Branch showed the video surveillance from the elevator area to W-1, during which W-1 immediately jumped up and stated, "That's him, the one with the gun." W-1 was pointing to the suspect wearing the red shirt who is known as S-1. Although W-1 originally explained IT thought it was a red vest that S-1 was wearing, it is shown in the video that it clearly is a red shirt. W-1 then pointed to the two suspects wearing the dark long sleeve shirts and explained that one of those guys with the black shirt on was stuffing the blanket in W-1's mouth. W-1 then pointed to the suspect wearing the white shirt known as S-3 and explained that he is the suspect that pulled W-1 into the apartment and beat the decedent.

9. Another video surveillance in the basement captures three of the four subjects that were first viewed on the entrance video, now exiting the stairwell on the basement level. This is the same stairwell that W-1 told detectives the three suspects fled into up on the 8th floor. This video surveillance is capturing the suspects approximately seven (7) minutes after the suspects were first observed entering the front of the building. In this basement video the three suspects are now observed exiting the stair well and running over to the elevator and then running down a hallway that leads to the buildings parking garage area.

10. When the three suspects came into the basements camera's view it observed the shorter black male with short hair, thin build, dark complexion, jeans, sneakers, wearing a dark greenish brown shirt that the sleeves came down to the elbow known as S-2. The black male with dreads, tall, thin build, blue jeans, sneakers and wearing a red shirt with number 18 on the back known as S-1. Then the taller, heavier, dark complexion black male, with longer dreads, wearing a white shirt, black and purple baseball cap known as S-3 and now S-3 is carrying a black bag that he did not have previously. These are the same suspects that were captured on the video from the entry area and elevator area of the building before the murder and now they are observed moments after the murder running in the basement with one suspect missing now. The suspects captured on this footage in both views are consistent with the descriptions provided by W-1 of S-1, S-2 and S-3, respectively.

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11. W-1 further identified the bag being carried by S-3 on the videotape surveillance footage as belonging to the decedent. W-1 explained that the decedent, because of his age, had a routine where he always kept this bag on the floor near the chair where he always sat. W-1 reported that IT always saw the bag in this same location. This location is right next to the front door, and where W-1 reported that the struggle and murder took place.

12. During the course of the investigation, members of the Homicide Branch produced still pictures of the four suspects from the video footage. Detectives showed the photos to an individual hereafter referred to as W-2. W-2 viewed the picture and stated that the subject standing with S-1, S-2 and S-3 was a subject known to W-2. W-2 explained that this subject lives at apartment 2300 Good Hope Rd Southeast, Apartment 712. W-2 explained that IT sees this subject almost every day coming into the building for the last year and knows his last name. Detectives had previously researched the arrest subjects from within 2300 Good Hope Rd, Southeast and found a Dwight Hicks who lived in apartment 712 and who matched the appearance of the fourth subject in video footage who led S-1, S-2 and S-3 into the building and went with them into the elevator. Detectives showed W-2 a single photo of Dwight Hicks, B/M, 8/12/1987, PDID 621860 who lives at [REDACTED] Good Hope Rd Southeast, Apartment [REDACTED] W-2 immediately identified Dwight Hicks, PDID 621860 as the subject who is in the picture elevator surveillance photo with S-1, S-2 and S-3 and who lives in [REDACTED] Good Hope Rd Southeast, Apartment [REDACTED]

13. During the investigation detectives interviewed an individual hereafter referred to as W-3. W-3 was shown the still picture from the video surveillance at the elevator and immediately advised that the subject standing with S-1, S-2 and S-3 is a subject known to W-3 as "Dwight." W-3 explained that IT sees "Dwight" daily and that he is with S-1, S-2 and S-3 approximately four times a week inside of apartment 712. W-3 explained that "Dwight" along with S-1, S-2, S-3 all are inside of apartment 712 a few times a week. Detectives showed W-3 a single photo of Dwight Hicks, B/M, 8/12/1987, PDID 621860 who lives at [REDACTED] Good Hope Rd Southeast, Apartment 712. W-3 immediately identified Dwight Hicks, PDID 621860 as the subject who is in the elevator surveillance picture with S-1, S-2 and S-3 and who lives in [REDACTED] Good Hope Rd Southeast, Apartment [REDACTED]

14. During the course of the investigation, members of the Metropolitan Police Department conducted an interview of an individual hereafter referred to as W-4. W-4 explained

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that IT saw three suspects running out of the building from the car garage area shortly after dark on the night of the murder. W-4 explained IT saw these suspects ten minutes before police arrived to investigate the murder. W-4 explained that IT first heard the exit door to the parking garage slam open and saw three suspects running. W-4 thought that a robbery had just occurred because the lead suspect was carrying a black bag in his hand. The suspect ran out into the parking lot and ran out of sight of W-4 over by the playground area. W-4 described the suspects as black males and the lead guy had dreads, was wearing a white T shirt, seemed to be the heaviest of the three and he was carrying the black bag with a handle in his right hand. W-4 stated that it paid close attention to the lead guy and mostly remembers that the last guy was shorter, seem young, and had a brownish colored shirt on that the sleeves came down to his elbows. The guy in the middle seemed tall and all three suspects were running together.

15. On Thursday, June 30, 2011, your affiant also observed the individual Dwight Hicks who was previously identified in the surveillance video. Mr. Hicks was exiting the lobby area of [REDACTED] Good Hope Rd SE, Washington DC and he was observed wearing the same black Kufi style hat that he was wearing in the surveillance video on the night of the murder.

16. Detectives conducted a background check on Dwight Hicks and learned that he has been arrested at [REDACTED] Good Hope Rd Southeast and has listed his home address as [REDACTED] Good Hope Rd Southeast, Apartment [REDACTED], Washington, DC, to police in the last year. Detectives also researched building management records and learned that [REDACTED] Good Hope Rd Southeast, Apartment [REDACTED], Washington, DC, is registered to the Hicks family.

17. On Thursday, July 7, 2011, members of the Homicide Branch executed a search warrant at [REDACTED] Good Hope Rd Southeast, Apartment [REDACTED], Washington, DC. The search of the residence revealed a black bag containing personal paperwork belonging to the decedent.

18. During the investigation detectives interviewed an individual hereafter referred to as W-5. W-5 was shown the picture from the elevator surveillance video. W-5 identified the suspect who was a light complexion black male, slim build, wearing a black kufi styled head gear, blue jeans, and sneakers as Dwight Hicks, B/M, 8/12/1987, PDID 621860. W-5 was asked if Dwight Hicks came to [REDACTED] Good Hope Rd Southeast, Apartment [REDACTED] the night of the murder. W-5 stated that Dwight Hicks did not but he does go to [REDACTED] Good Hope Rd Southeast, Apartment [REDACTED], occasionally.


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19. It is the undersigned's belief that all four suspects were acting in concert during the commission of this homicide. All four suspects are observed entering the building together prior to the shooting. These four suspects are observed conversing with each other and getting on the elevator together moments before the murder. A short time after the shooting the same three of the four suspects are captured on video surveillance running together and in possession of the black bag that W-1 identified as being the decedents. Witnesses also confirm that the suspects are friends or family to each other and those witnesses have observed them together. It was also established through this investigation that Dwight Hicks did not go to [REDACTED] Good Hope Rd Southeast, Apartment [REDACTED] Washington, DC, the night of the murder.

20. During the investigation detectives interviewed an individual hereafter referred to as W-6. W-6 was interviewed and shown the surveillance video from before the murder. W-6 was able to identify all four suspects in the video.

21. W-6 Identified the suspect with short hair, wearing the green long sleeve shirt in the surveillance video as a subject known as "Tony." Detectives were aware of this name and were able to show W-6 a single confirmation photo of the subject known as "Tony." W-6 identified the subject in the photo as the same person in the surveillance video with short hair and wearing the green long sleeve shirt. The subject identified is Anthony Thomas, B/M, 9/3/1988, PDID 563210.

22. W-6 Identified the suspect wearing the white T-shirt in the surveillance video as a subject known as "Sticky." Detectives were aware of this nickname and were able to show W-6 a single confirmation photo of the subject known as "Sticky." W-6 identified the subject in the photo as the same person in the surveillance video wearing the white T-shirt. The subject identified is James Brewer, B/M, 8/18/1986, PDID 520425.

23. W-6 Identified the light complexion, B/M, wearing the black long sleeve shirt and black kufi suspect in the surveillance video as Dwight Hicks. A single confirmation photo was shown and W-6 identified Dwight Hicks, B/M, 8/12/1987, PDID 621860.

24. W-6 Identified the light complexion, B/M, wearing the red T-shirt with the number "18" on it as a subject known as "Steve."

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25. A WALES/MPD Colombo check of James Brewer was conducted to confirm his identity. The listed identifying information was confirmed about Mr. Brewer; James Brewer, B/M, 08/18/1986, PDID 520425.

ARREST, ESCAPE, AND RE-ARREST OF JAMES BREWER

26. On July 14, 2011, James Brewer was arrested pursuant to Criminal Warrant No. 2011CRW002293 for First Degree Murder while Armed (Felony Murder) in Newport News, Virginia. On July 14, 2011, he was presented in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and subsequently transported to the District of Columbia for presentment in D.C. Superior Court.

27. After his entry into the courthouse on July 15, 2011 but prior to presentment in D.C. Superior Court, Brewer escaped custody by switching identification bracelets with another defendant who had been arrested on a misdemeanor offense. When that arrested defendant's case was called, Brewer answered and posed as the other arrested defendant. The government did not seek a hold with respect to the defendant who had been arrested on the misdemeanor offense, and the Court released him. Accordingly, Brewer escaped from custody by posing as someone else. On July 15, 2011, the Hon. Herbert B. Dixon, Jr., signed a second, as of yet unnumbered, arrest warrant for James Brewer for First Degree Murder while Armed (Felony Murder).

28. On July 16, 2011, Brewer voluntarily surrendered to the U.S. Marshal's Service. When Brewer presented himself, he had shaved his hair.


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